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"TOO MODEST ARE YOU."

The "Young Republican" candidacy of F. A. Bartlett for Judge of the City Court against the "Old Republican" candidacy of Judge Foster for re-nomination, recalls an event of the near past. It occurred while Mr. Bartlett was chairman of the Republican Town committee, and when he and Mr. Henry Lee were the Mayoral candidates of the "Young" and "Old" factions, respectively, of their party. A tie between them came up in the Town convention, and under the party rules, Chairman Bartlett was called in to break it, which he did by voting for Lee and against himself, greatly to the anger of the "Young Republicans" who held that his candidacy represented them and not himself. The principle of "manhood melted into courtesies" did not particularly appeal to them; they could find no legitimate place for it in factional warfare. In their belief, he should instead have acted upon the contrary principle that "self-love is not so vile a sin as self-neglecting."

A somewhat parallel case is now pending. In the City Court Judgeship contest, Candidate Bartlett will, as a representative from Bridgeport and as a member of the Judiciary committee, have a voice and a vote upon the rival candidacies of himself and Judge Foster, and he (Bartlett) stands, as before, as the candidate of the Young Republicans, the representative of his faction. Naturally, they expect him to stand by them, even though to speak and vote for himself might violate some of the melting courtesies of manhood. They regard, and rightly, his candidacy as wholly impersonal and as representing them and not him personally. Even might they say to him: Too modest are you.

More cruel to your good report than to us that give you truly.

The session of the General Assembly in 1907 ran into August. Unless the time limit for the introduction of new business at the present session is materially extended, adjournment should be reached months before the date of that of 1907. There are not many important measures pending as yet, the most important being the proposed creation of a Public Utilities Commission.

Congressman Hill is classed as among those members of the Ways and Means committee, who favor tariff-revision downward. He could not, as a Taft Republican, take any other position, and he probably for the same reason, favors the creation of a permanent tariff commission, the proper function of which was described by President-elect Taft on Jan. 18, last as follows:

I should be the last to advocate a commission with any power to fix rates—if that were constitutional, as it would not be—with any function other than that of furnishing the evidence to Congress upon which, from time to time it might act.

In the February Appletton's Mr. Holman Day deals exhaustively with prohibition enforcement in Maine. For more than 60 years, the State has had prohibition "in declaration" for the past four years, there has been a "serious and general attempt to enforce it." The result, he says, is the "enforced prohibition has failed miserably." In Mr. Day's opinion, the liquor question "never can be settled by summary legislation forced on a great mass of the people by reformers who want to make good by law those who are inclined to be a little wicked by taste." Men who desire liquor, will find it and use it, and they will use the more of it as a vindication of the right of personal liberty.

There is now an indication of coming agitation for the seven-hour day. Harry D. Thomas, secretary of the Cleveland United Trades council and of the Ohio Federation of Labor, says the purpose is to furnish employment to all men, even though it should be found necessary to place the limit much lower. The supporting argument is that the increasing use of machinery is supplanting hand-labor, and that only by a further reduction of working hours can labor conditions be equalized. The concession will probably not be granted by employers, unless at the end of a protracted and bitter contest. It may be added that such contests stimulate the invention of labor-saving machinery.

Father Fogarty, curate at St. Mary's R. C. church of South Norwalk, made an attack on trade unionism in a sermon, on Sunday last, describing it as "the worst tyranny in our land today." There was nothing new in the attack; all of its averments have heretofore appeared in the official utterances of President Van Cleve of the National association of Manufacturers. Its importance grows out of the facts that the sermon was given in a manufacturing center where a strike is

now in progress, and that it emanates from a church which is usually chary of such radical utterances. A natural inference is either that the deliverance was authorized or that Father Fogarty will be disciplined for indiscretion. As to the effect of the sermon, it will possibly aid the employers to establish the "open shop."

Mr. Maxim, inventor of the so-called noiseless gun, declares that his invention neither assures the extermination of game nor the promotion of assassination. He calls it the "quiet shooting gun," and asserts that the only bullet which can be fired "really quietly" is of low velocity, which would be ineffective except at very short ranges. He declares that a high velocity bullet cleaves the air so rapidly that it makes a very perceptible noise and the smash of its impact cannot be quieted. He is prompted to this depreciation of the "noiseless gun" by the somewhat prevalent objection to the marketing of his invention, as indicated by the appearance of a bill in the New York Legislature to prohibit the manufacture of his gun. It has even been suggested that the Government should have a monopoly of the use of the weapon.

The pig iron industry is, according to the Wall Street summary, not in any especially flourishing condition, and the prediction is made that "sixty days from now will show hard times for the pig iron and steel industries unless a good deal of new business for big tonnage comes in within a few days, and for that there is no ground for hope." In the steel industry, the same authority states that "the heavy and light section rails, structural steel, steel cars and locomotive trade is exceptionally dull," and that "it begins to look as though the community of interest plan of keeping an agreement of prices is going to be disrupted by a struggle for business at reduced prices."

Nothing would so benefit the general situation as a disruption of the agreement about prices, which has brought about near-stagnation in these basic industries. As may be remembered, Judge Gary, executive head of the Steel Trust, has steadily adhered to the policy of anti-price fixing as a preventive of "hard times." He seems to have erred.

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NEW ENGLAND WILL PAY TRIBUTE

Most Elaborate Observance of Lincoln Centenary Will Occur Throughout States.

Boston, Feb. 10.—New England, 50 years ago the hotbed of abolition, will again notable tribute this week to the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of his birth. The author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the venerable Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, will be the central figure in the celebration in Boston, for she will read a poem written for the occasion at the exercises to be held in Symphony hall on Friday evening.

These exercises will constitute the most elaborate observance of the day in this part of the country. Inter-spersed with tributes of music, drama and a chorus of 200 voices, will be addresses by former Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, Major Henry L. Higginson, who will preside, and Mayor George A. Hibbard.

At noon on Friday, United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge will deliver an oration on Lincoln before the joint assembly of the House and Senate in the State House, in Boston.

In Maine the Legislature has created January 12 of this year a legal holiday, and the principal observance will be in Portland, where addresses will be given by Congressman Alfred F. Dawson of Iowa, Ralph E. Cole of Ohio and Allen A. Allen of Maine, by Governor Bert F. Fernald of Maine. A new park to be known as Lincoln Park will be dedicated.

Congressman David J. Foster of Vermont will be the orator in New Hampshire's chief exercises, to be held in Concord on Friday, and on an easel placed on the stage will rest the famous portrait of Lincoln by St. Gaudens.

In the various cities and many of the towns of Vermont the day will be appropriately observed. In Burlington a public meeting will be addressed by a noted resident of that city, Gen. Oliver O. Howard, the last surviving commander of a division in the union army during the civil war.

Rhode Island also will recognize the day, Governor Aram J. Pothier having issued a proclamation calling for a general observance. A salute of 21 guns will be fired in Providence, and there will be memorial exercises in city hall.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 10.—Some of the first citizens of the United States will pay homage to Abraham Lincoln's memory at the old homestead of the Lincoln family in Larue county, Ky., on the centenary of President Lincoln's death. February 12, when the cornerstone of a marble memorial hall on the Lincoln farm will be laid by President Roosevelt.

The last preparations were made Sunday by the committee in charge and Charles E. Miner, representing the Lincoln farm association. Five trains will be run to Hodgenville from Louisville on February 12 to carry the various delegations. A platoon of Louisville police will be on duty and representatives of the Republican and Democratic committees will have places of prominence in the ceremonies.

ple of Washington county, next to Larue county, have protested against the exercises being held two miles from Hodgenville, on the farm where Lincoln was a child. They declare that Lincoln was born on Valley Creek in Washington county, where his parents were married, and that Washington is cheated of the honor. This is an old dispute between the counties.

FAR SIGHTED POLICY OUTLINED

English Commission Has Plan for Forest Conservation and Forest Planting.

After neglecting her forests for hundreds of years, Great Britain has come to the front with the most far-sighted proposal for forest work and land improvement ever advanced by any nation in a single plan.

The recommendations just made to the British Government by the Royal Commission on Afforestation and Coast Erosion will make England self-supporting in the production of timber if successfully carried out.

The report embraces two separate proposals, involving the forestation in one case of 9,000,000, and in the other of 6,000,000 acres. The former proposal calls for the forest planting of 150,000 acres a year for sixty years at an annual cost of \$450,000 at the beginning to over \$1,500,000 at the end of the period. After the fortieth year, however, the forest would become self-supporting.

There is no question, the report says, that substantially the same results can be obtained. Experts testified before the commission that "the production of timber in Great Britain will be more rapid than in Saxony," which was selected for comparison on account of the close resemblance between the economic and physical conditions in the two countries. "Yet in Saxony the forest produces per acre about 412 per cent, in 90 years, mainly, it was testified, because of 'the more systematic and careful management.'"

The lack of forests in Great Britain is the result, not of natural conditions, but of bad national economy. This is further proved by the fact that there are a number of private forests which, though not indifferently managed, are netting their owners handsome revenues.

The proposal of the commission is especially interesting to Americans in view of the fact that the measures that are now being proposed in the United States are so much simpler and less expensive. In this country the forests are already on the ground. All that is necessary is to bring them to a state of full productivity.

The present annual production of forest in the United States is scarcely more than twelve cubic feet per acre of all kinds of wood. The centuries of experience in Saxony, Switzerland, and France show that the same kind of land will grow in three to eight times as much wood under wise forest management.

Protection and proper cutting begun now and steadily followed as a policy will keep America from reaching a point, where, like Great Britain, it will be necessary, except in the prairie region, to start the forests of the future from the seed, and wait for them to reach the state of the great outlay which the British commission contemplates would easily guarantee this country's forest independence.

The wood and the forest of each year could be got out of the forests right along.

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